

Haymarket Herald

July 2021



The Gospel of Mark

“The Christian and Emotions”—a Sermon Series

Throughout this summer of 2021, Allan Smith and I will preach a series of sermons on “The Christian and Emotions.” I kicked off the series with a Father’s Day Sermon, “The Joy of Being a Father.” Then came a sermon on loneliness. I think many of our Haymarket family have experienced loneliness during this Covid-19 pandemic. It forced many of us to stop shaking hands or hugging friends and made some of us hole up in our homes, for fear of catching a fatal illness. If more than half a million Americans have died from the coronavirus, who wants to take a chance?

Now in July and August we will continue the sermon series. I am very excited to tell you that Allan and the members of our Youth Group will lead us in worship on Sunday, August 1—Youth Sunday! They will focus on the emotion of “confidence.” I hope you will make every effort to be in church that Sunday so you can experience our church’s teenagers taking the lead in worship!

For the Sundays in July, we will cover the following emotions:

July 4	Courage
July 11	Anger
July 18	Grief/Sorrow
July 25	Pride

We have not yet chosen the emotions to cover in the August Sundays after Youth Sunday. If you have a particular emotion you want us to address—guilt, peace, awe, love, hatred, worry, disgust, hope, envy, or some other emotion—please let me know and Allan or I will preach about it. I hope you will find this unusual sermon series one that speaks biblical truth to life as you experience it!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



REV. ALLAN SMITH

Hospitality: A Generous Welcome to Guests

The story of Jesus visiting Martha's home in Luke 10:38-42 is likely familiar to you. Martha is busy with the preparations for Jesus's visit, and her sister Mary just sits at the feet of Jesus. Martha complains to Jesus about Mary not being much help, but Jesus affirms Mary's decision to listen to what Jesus was saying.

Hospitality is an increasingly important concept in our culture, so much so that there are now college degree programs focusing on hospitality careers, such as working in hotels and resorts, restaurants, and other service industry jobs. Anyone wants to feel welcomed and cared for when they enter into a space.

In the story of Martha and Mary, both are finding ways to be hospitable. Martha is busy with the preparations. While we do not know what all the preparations are, I imagine that Jesus was well-fed that evening. And Mary is busy listening to Jesus, another important way to show hospitality. Have you ever visited with friends and sat in silence as they prepared the refreshments? Or, have you ever visited with friends and had them speak with you but not offer you anything to eat or drink? Hospitality is about both meeting the tangible needs of food and drink but also engaging in conversation.

Haymarket Baptist Church is blessed to play "host" often, particularly with so many community events seeking use of our parking lot. One example is a Bike Rodeo offered by the Town of Haymarket Police which was held in our parking lot on Saturday morning, June 26. How can Haymarket Baptist Church show generous and welcoming hospitality

for this event, which is held by the local police officers? In this case, some of our congregation has graciously offered to be at church during the event on Saturday morning and offer water to the children who have come to learn more about bicycle safety. What a great way to show hospitality to guests on our space.

There are similar opportunities to show hospitality in the coming months. The Town of Haymarket is sponsoring a summer concert in the town park on Saturday, August 14, and Haymarket Day is Saturday, October 16. Any of these opportunities allow our church to develop friendships with people who live in our community.

Allan Smith
Associate Pastor of Community Outreach



Wednesday Night Meals Return August 4

Many of you have asked when the Wednesday night meals are coming back? Prayers have been answered and we will begin having meals again on Wednesday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m.

We learn in the Bible that sharing a meal together is one of the primary ways relationships are established, deepened, and enjoyed both with God and with others. We look forward to sharing with you.



DEACON'S BENCH

As we are beginning to come out from under the pandemic we have experienced for the last year and a half or more, how do we RESET, REBOOT, RESTART, RETHINK our lives ?

We had to change from a people on the go/on the run, to staying home, disconnected from people, to keep us safe and our loved ones safe. It was hard and we have perhaps become less motivated to now be on the go or on the run again. That may not be a totally bad thing! Families have spent more time together, doing little things, that they had not done together in a long time. A life change for the better.

The thought has come to me that the way we think about church or doing church has also changed. Technology became an important way for the church to stay connected with its church family. "Church on-line," "streaming," "Zoom," and "Hybrid" have become household words now. I am truly grateful for the servants in our church whose talents have worked long hours to keep us connected. It has become easy, to get our cup of coffee, be in our easy chair, and not to have to get dressed and come to the church.

The reopening Committee has worked long hours also to bring those back to the church in person since last fall with using guidelines to make things as safe as possible for all. It was different--masks, sanitizers, social distancing, control of numbers that could be together, no singing except for those faithful 4 in the choir.

Now we are "open" again. We see each others smiling faces , we are singing, and enjoying fellowship again. It is wonderful to feel "normal" again. Our numbers " in house " are gradually increasing. As Christians, we are the church, and being together is important for fellowship and lifting each other up. So, if you have not yet Reset, Rebooted, Restarted---hope you will do that soon and come and feel the joy of being together.

Bernice Pearson, Deacon of the Month

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee met with Dee Thompson, Church Moderator. We discussed the Church Policy for the Memorial Committee. One item of note is that there are many church families who have had money given to Haymarket Baptist Church in in someone's memory or honor. We now have a list of projects from which those families may wish to direct those funds towards. These projects will help to improve our building or grounds.

Dee said money is just sitting in the Memorial Fund not assigned to anything. When a Memorial or in Honor Gift goes in the offering plate, please be sure to state your name and address. This information is kept by our Tellers each Sunday as they post money given to the Church. Then, a slip is filled out and with that information and put in the Memorial Committee Box. A member of the Memorial Committee writes a thank you note to the person giving the gift. Also, that person's name is written in The Memorial Book, a special book kept remembering all the memorial gifts given to Haymarket Baptist Church.

A list of projects is available to any person interested who has lost a loved one so that they may make their choice of project on which to focus the money towards. Once they choose an item, please notify Dee Thompson, Church Moderator or Ruth Anne Sawyer, the Chairperson of Property & Grounds.

If you have any questions about this matter, you may call me at 540-364-3810.

Dot Todd, Chairperson of the Memorial Committee

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”).

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Acts 8:26-27, 29-31

How many of you have eaten homemade ice cream? For those of you who haven't, you have no clue what you are missing. Ice cream bought from the local grocery store is no comparison to that churned at home. Have you ever seen the store-bought stuff that was left out and melted? What is left is a foamy, goopy mess that is mostly air. Homemade ice cream, on the other hand, melts into a creamy mixture that is as good thawed as it is frozen.

My father and my Great-Aunt Mary are responsible for my familiarity with home churned ice cream. She would mix the cream, sugar, and flavoring (crushed peppermint was her favorite), and my dad (his favorite is French vanilla) would work his magic with our White Mountain hand cranked freezer. It required the proper ration of ice to salt to create that creamy luscious dessert.

Grocery stores offer a plethora of flavors. Everything from Cookies and Cream, Brewed to Matter (Ben and Jerry's) and Dulce de Leche (Haagen-Dazs) to the standbys of chocolate and vanilla are available. Unless of course, you happen to be a diabetic who is limited to the sugar-free versions. Then the *complete* list of flavors consists of Vanilla, Moose Tracks, and Neapolitan. There is no strawberry (my favorite) blackberry (or is this my favorite?), or banana (my third favorite).

Luckily, my father and great-aunt introduced me to homemade ice cream and freezers. As a diabetic, it wasn't long before I figured out how to mix the cream for a sugar-free ice cream. Then I could indulge myself with a rich and delicious ice cream that was far superior to what was available at

the grocery store. Because of my family, I grew up enjoying a plethora of flavors that even went beyond what is offered in the store. HBC used to hold ice cream socials where the home-made varieties, including the sugar-free, were the favorites.

But my father taught me more than the pleasures of eating homemade ice cream. He also taught me about the salt to ice ratio that creates the brine which causes the cream mixture to freeze. and about the importance of making sure the drain hole in the side of the bucket remained clear so that the salty water could run out instead of flowing into the canister. In a recent search to replace the White Mountain freezers that my dad threw away (!), I spent some time reading reviews of freezers. Many of the complaints were that the cream didn't freeze properly. Thanks to my dad, I knew that they didn't have the correct brine temperature that would cause the cream to freeze. Knowledge is important in making ice cream. Much of that knowledge can be gained from reading the user manual. But the advice of an experienced “freezer” is even better.

This need for in-person intervention is not limited to making ice cream but also applies to other more important concepts. The story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch found in Acts 8:26-40 illustrates this idea.

The first thing to notice in this section of scripture is that an angel of the Lord told Philip to go, and “*so he started out*” with no definite destination in mind. He simply went south to the desert road that connected Jerusalem and Gaza. This road stretches for 62 miles between those two locations! But Philip, in obedience to God, went as directed. There was no public transportation, no metro system, no Uber. Without hesitation, Philip went where God sent him, prepared to walk the entire 62 miles if told to do so.

On that journey, Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch. The Ethiopian was an “important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake” (verse 27). The story reveals several things about this man. It can be deduced, based on his job, that he was a man of power and intelligence. He would not have the position that he did without those attributes. We also know that he was already a believer in the God of the Israelites because he had been to Jerusalem to worship (v. 27) He was also in possession of a copy of the scriptures (v. 28), another indication that he was already familiar with the God of Israel and was wealthy. (Papyrus scrolls were expensive and difficult to obtain.)

Prior to this passage of scripture, Philip was in Samaria proclaiming the gospel of Christ. He was already attuned to hear the calling of the Spirit because he was imbedded in working for God. In his work of healing and casting out demons, Philip was fully in the presence of the Spirit. Philip was willing to leave this great revival that he was leading, and the acclaim that he was receiving from the people around him, at the words of the angel. Now, because Philip heard and followed the instructions of the angel to travel the desert road to Gaza, he was in the ideal position to meet a man who needed help.

The Spirit spoke to Philip once again, telling him to go to the chariot and to stay near it. Philip once again does as he was told. Picture this. A chariot was typically a weapon of war but was also used for the conveyance of notable people (Joseph rode in Pharaoh's second state chariot.) Though drawn by as many as twelve horses during chariot races, the typical number was two. These horses did not plod along like oxen. They probably moved at a trot, the most ground covering and sustainable gait for a horse. Poor Philip was instructed to keep up with two horses traveling at a trot, approximately 8 miles per hour. Remember that this was a possible 62-mile journey if Philip was already in Jerusalem when the angel spoke to him. Imagine keeping that pace for that distance!

Yet, once again, Philip didn't hesitate. He drew near the chariot that carried the Ethiopian official and heard him reading from Isaiah. Despite all his advantages, the Ethiopian was still not able to understand what he was reading without the help of someone else. Because Philip obeyed the angel and went to the desert road, he was in a position to be near the chariot. Because he listened to the prompting of the Spirit, Philip was in the right place at the right time to hear the Ethiopian.

Philip used the opportunity that God had given him to reach out to a man and lead him to a deeper understanding of Jesus. This resulted in the baptism of the Ethiopian. It also resulted in a story that illustrates what our response should be to serving God.

We must always be listening for the prompting of the Spirit. No matter the success we seem to be experiencing, we must be attuned to the voice of God. Philip wasn't distracted by festivals and parties, messages on his iPhone, or the latest sports activities. What if we all spent time each day, alone and in silence, waiting for the prompting of the

Spirit. What if?

What if, like Philip, we simply obeyed? Philip didn't ask for details. He didn't protest that the journey was long or that the horses were too fast. He went. He spoke. He altered a man's life. What if we did the same thing? What if?

What if when we heard of an opportunity to serve, we simply said yes and relied on God to carry us through? Little is known of Philip before he was called by Jesus, but it is unlikely that he was a man of learning and stature. That is not who Jesus called. He called, and still calls, those who were willing to journey with Him. What if we accepted that calling? What if?

What if we as a church, made up of individuals, stepped up, stepped out, and said yes to the urging of the Spirit? What if we had a community-wide ice cream social? What if we had a float in the Haymarket Day parade?

Are you listening? Are you obeying? Are you doing?

What if?

Edith Kennedy
Missions Committee Chair



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Church Family,
Summer camp is wrapping up, and we sure enjoyed fun and activities that included a lot of outdoor time! We had the BEST visit from Bar C Ranch (this is the company the church uses for the Live Nativity) with the camel, a kangaroo, donkey, llama, tortoise and even a porcupine!! The children absolutely loved the experience! We also got to 'pet' a snake, a ferret, and a bearded dragon during our animal planet camp! We hosted an art camp, and the children got to meet a real local artist and paint with her outside with oil pastels and watercolors! Our last week was an ocean

camp with lots of water play and a visit from an aquarium expert with lots of real fish to learn about. Camp is a well-loved part of the year at HBCPK.

We have our staff in place for the Fall, and still lining up some children to round out enrollment. We have the curriculum being sorted, supplies being ordered and the calendar is being finalized. It's a busy time administratively to prepare for the new school year after COVID. We have set up our playground workday, and our floor waxing and carpet cleaning for August. Teachers return mid-August to get classrooms ready, start with Teacher In-Service Aug 23, and all the 'Meet and Greets' Aug 25, 26, 27. School for Kindergarten begins August 25 and for Preschool on August 30. So much to do between now and then! Parents are looking forward to a normal schedule for their Preschoolers and Kindergarten kids.

It's that time of year to vote for 'Best Preschool' for Haymarket/Gainesville, and we'd love your support with a vote... you can even vote once a day. Voting ends July 15. Please help us out!

Here's the link:

https://va.secondstreetapp.com/Best-of-Haymarket-Gainesville-2021/gallery/?group=388058&fbclid=IwAR3SBb-T5GXElOI_yAUcFJt8zSCwTsGP8fMxDHSGunZI9N3IM-AYXJKvrKk

Or, you can just go to their website and click the link here: <https://piedmontlifestyle.com/>

Prayer requests:

- For school parent, Matt Braun fighting Burkett's Lymphoma. Father to 3 elementary-age children.
- For 3 year old preschooler fighting Kidney Cancer with spread to lungs, upcoming Kidney removal, and 9 months of chemotherapy
- For a few needs to fill enrollment

Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer! We are praising God for a healthy school year, and asking for his protection in the new year for all the children and families we minister to. Thank you for your prayers of support, too!

In His Service,
Laurie Frasz, Director



Sun, Fun and Lots of Laughs!

What a glorious day the Lord provided for our Bag Lunch Picnic at the Northern Fauquier Community Park! A thank you to Pastor Mark for stopping by and visiting with us. Linda was having her treatment and so glad that she can see "the light at the end of the tunnel" of her treatments. It was wonderful to see faces and smiles and enjoy the fellowship. We missed those who were not with us.

Watch for an email or in the church bulletin for our July fellowship which will be at Cookies and Cream Ice Cream shop----just down the street from the church. The date has not been set yet.

Coming in August on Monday the 2nd at 10 a.m., we will start our new study. We will meet at the church and with Zoom also will be available to those interested. It is exciting to think we can meet in person.

"20 Ways to Make Every Day Better," by Joyce Meyer, will be our study. After the last year, we have experienced "having bad days," "being easily frustrated, and discouraged" and even "mad at the way things are going." Our attitudes have been tested and the joy in our life has, maybe, diminished. John 10:10 says, "I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (in the full, till it overflows)." We will not have all good days, but, whatever challenges come, we don't have to let them determine our outlook on life. We can make changes to make each day better. How we react to circumstances is much more important than the circumstance itself. Anyone who has accepted Christ can achieve God's peace, joy, contentment, and fulfillment (the fruits of the Spirit) through seeking Him each day. We will look into God's word for instruction and encouragement to enjoy life each day! In all things, give thanks.

Blessings from Bernie

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

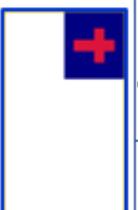
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Saturday



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**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**

Galatians 5:1

	<u>Key to Abbreviations</u>		
	IP – In Person Meeting Z – Zoom Meeting H – Hybrid Meeting (Zoom and In Person)	1	2
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4 Independence Day

9:30 Sunday School ^{IP}
9:45 Deaf Ministry ^{IP}
11:00 Worship ^H – Dr. Olson
11:15 Children's Sunday School ^{IP}

5 Church Office Closed
7:00 Church Council Meeting ^H

6 4:40 ASL Class ^{IP}
7:00 Bible Study ^Z
People of the Bible

7 10:30 Brunch Bunch ^Z
6:00 Prayer Mtg & Bible Study ^H
7:00 Choir Practice ^{IP}

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10 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}

11 8:00 Deacon Meeting ^H
9:30 Sunday School ^{IP}
9:45 Deaf Ministry ^{IP}
11:00 Worship ^H – Dr. Olson
11:15 Children's Sunday School ^{IP}
5:00 Youth/*ignite* ^{IP}

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7:00 Bible Study ^Z
People of the Bible

14 10:30 Brunch Bunch ^Z
6:00 Prayer Mtg & Bible Study ^H
7:00 Choir Practice ^{IP}

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17 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}

18 9:30 Sunday School ^{IP}
9:45 Deaf Ministry ^{IP}
11:00 Worship ^H – Dr. Olson
11:15 Children's Sunday School ^{IP}

19 August Newsletter Deadline

20 4:40 ASL Class ^{IP}
7:00 Bible Study ^Z
People of the Bible

21 10:30 Brunch Bunch ^Z
6:00 Prayer Mtg & Bible Study ^H
7:00 Business Meeting^H

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24 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}

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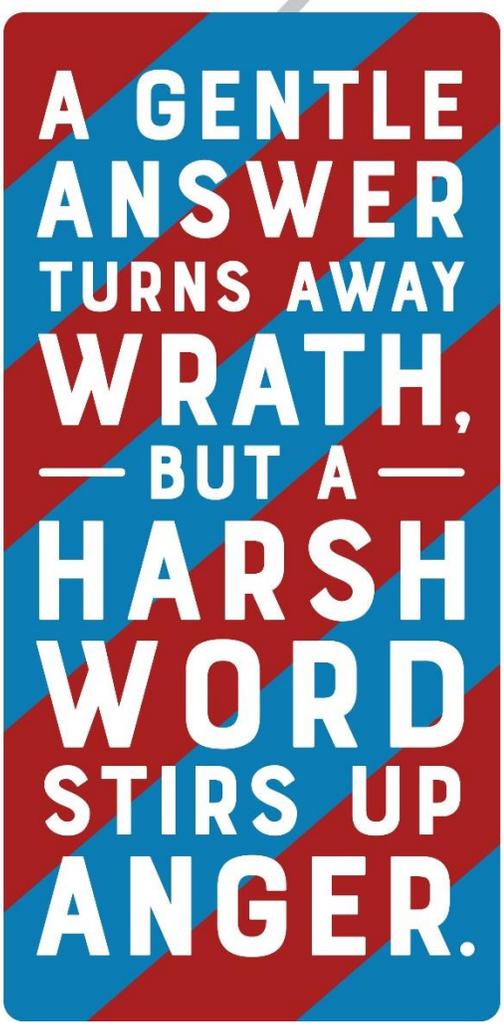
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31 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^{IP}



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 3* *Patty Carey*
- July 9* *Jackie Cafferty*
- July 12* *Becky Black*
- July 13* *Dottie Swain*
- Guerry Drey*
- July 15* *Sharon Jinks*
- July 19* *Lauren Cafferty*
- July 20* *Jan Gray*
- July 21* *Beckie Thompson*
- July 24* *Bill Thompson*
- Amy Carter-Stewart*
- July 25* *Faith Wisor*
- July 26* *Jeff Davis*
- Marvin Gray*
- July 27* *John Workman*



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